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**SECNAV INSTRUCTION 5500.27B**

**From:** Secretary of the Navy  
**To:** All Ships and Stations

**Subj:** Agreement between the United States Secret Service and the Department of Defense concerning protection of the President and other officials

**Ref:** (a) SECNAVINST 5520.3 of 16 July 75,  
Subj: Criminal and security investigations and related activities within the Department of the Navy

**Encl:** (1) DOD Instruction 5030.34 of 11 July 77  
(NOTAL)

**1. Purpose.** To promulgate instructions concerning the reporting of information of interest to the United States Secret Service in the execution of its responsibilities for the protection of the person of the President of the United States and other officials.

**2. Cancellation.** SECNAV Instruction 5500.27A is hereby canceled.

**3. Discussion**

a. Enclosure (1) sets forth the details of an agreement between the Department of Defense and the United States Secret Service for the exchange of information regarding the protection of the President

and other officials. Appendix A of enclosure (1) specifies the extent and type of information which is to be reported.

b. Reference (a) establishes and delimits the investigative jurisdiction and responsibilities of the Naval Investigative Service (NIS) and its field components. Paragraph 4(i), thereof, establishes the NIS as the liaison channel with the various Federal investigative and law enforcement agencies.

**4. Action**

a. Any information coming to the attention of a command which is of the nature described in Appendix A of enclosure (1) shall be reported immediately to the nearest component of the Naval Investigative Service. Bureaus and offices of the Navy Department, and commands remote from any field component of the Naval Investigative Service, should report directly to the Naval Investigative Service Headquarters, Alexandria, Virginia 22331.

b. The Naval Investigative Service is responsible for transmission of all such information to the United States Secret Service.

**5. Reports.** The reports required by this instruction are assigned report symbol DD-OPNAV-3820-3.

R. JAMES WOOLSEY  
Under Secretary of the Navy

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## Department of Defense Instruction <sup>ASD(C)</sup>

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**SUBJECT** Agreement Between the United States Secret Service  
and the Department of Defense Concerning Protection  
of the President and Other Officials

Reference: (a) DoD Instruction 5030.34, "Agreement Between the United  
States Secret Service and the Department of Defense  
Concerning Protection of the President," June 12, 1972  
(hereby canceled)

Attached for compliance and implementation by all DoD Components is  
the subject agreement, dated July 8, 1977.

Two copies of the implementing documents shall be forwarded to the  
Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) within 60 days.

Reference (a) is hereby superseded and canceled.

*Fred P. Wacker*  
Assistant Secretary of Defense  
(Comptroller)

Enclosure - 1  
Agreement

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE  
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

I. Purpose of Agreement

The purpose of this agreement is to arrange for and define the type of information to be furnished by the Department of Defense to the United States Secret Service, in accordance with the responsibilities of the Secret Service as authorized by Section 3056, Title 18, U. S. Code; Public Law 90-331, and Section 202 of Title 3, U. S. Code; and Public Law 93-346, as amended by Section 609 of Public Law 93-552.

II. General Responsibilities

The Secret Service is charged with the responsibility to protect the person of the President of the United States, the members of his immediate family, the President-elect, the Vice President or other officer next in succession to the Office of President and the Vice President-elect, and the members of their immediate families, unless the members decline such protection; protect the person of a former President and

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his wife during his lifetime, the person of the widow of a former President until her death or remarriage, and minor children of a former President until they reach 16 years of age, unless such protection is declined; protect persons who are determined from time to time by the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Advisory Committee, as being major Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates who should receive such protection (unless the candidate has declined such protection). "Upon request of a Presidential or Vice Presidential nominee of a major political party, as determined by the Secretary after consultation with the Advisory Committee, the Secretary may authorize the United States Secret Service to furnish protection to the spouse of such a major Presidential or Vice Presidential nominee, except that such protection shall not commence more than sixty days prior to the general Presidential election"; protect the person of a visiting head of a foreign state or foreign government and, at the direction of the President, other distinguished foreign visitors of the United States and official representatives of the United States performing special missions abroad (unless such persons decline protection).

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The Executive Protective Service (formerly the White House Police), under the direction of the Director, United States Secret Service, is charged with protection of the Executive Mansion and grounds in the District of Columbia; of any building in which Presidential offices are located; the temporary official residence of the Vice President and grounds in the District of Columbia; of foreign diplomatic missions located in the metropolitan area of the District of Columbia; of foreign diplomatic missions located in such other areas in the United States, its territories and possessions, as the President, on a case-by-case basis, may direct.

The identity of protectees of the Secret Service, other than those persons or positions specifically identified under "II General Responsibilities" in this agreement, will be identified to Department of Defense by the Secret Service on an individual basis. The notification will include identity of protectee, dates of protective assignment, as well as other pertinent information. This notification normally will be made prior to commencement of the protective assignment in accordance with procedures for liaison communications between the Secret Service and the DOD components concerned.

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III. Information to be Furnished by DOD to the Secret Service

A. The DOD shall furnish to the Secret Service as it comes to the attention of DOD, information specified in Appendix A of this agreement.

This agreement contemplates that such information will be supplied by the DOD if and as it becomes available in the regular course of authorized activities and within established DOD policies.

Efforts by the DOD to elicit or seek such information, to evaluate such information, or to further investigate such information are not contemplated by this agreement, except upon specific request of the Secret Service through established channels on a case-by-case basis, and then only on military installations or in overseas areas where U.S. forces are stationed.

B. Excepted Information - Information originated by another U.S. Government agency, and which, pursuant to this agreement, is to be reported by the DOD to the Secret Service will be so reported unless prohibited by the originating agency. Whenever, in compliance with such a prohibition, information is not reported to the Secret Service, the DOD

will notify the Secret Service of the existence of such information and the identity of the originating agency. However, information received which is considered to reflect an immediate threat or present danger to any person under the protection of the Secret Service will be provided the Secret Service and the originating agency will be informed of such action by subsequent notice.

IV. Information to be Reported by the Secret Service to the DOD.

A. The Secret Service shall furnish to the DOD as it comes to the attention of the Secret Service, information specified in Appendix B of this agreement. Effort by the Secret Service to elicit or seek such information, to evaluate such information, or to investigate further such information is not contemplated by this agreement.

B. The provisions concerning excepted information contained in Article III.B. of this agreement shall apply to the transmission of information by the Secret Service to the DOD.

V. Implementation of Agreement

The Secret Service and the DOD shall undertake to

maintain an active liaison to insure the prompt passage of information required under this agreement for the protection of the President and other protected persons. Furthermore, in order to effect the best possible protection for such persons, the Secret Service and the DOD will construe the obligations imposed on each in the broadest terms and take such steps as are necessary to insure that the terms and intent of this agreement are carried out.

Information pertaining to participation in lawful political opposition to or criticism of policies and decisions of the U. S. Government or officials of the U. S. Government, is not desired by the Secret Service and is not within the purview of this agreement.

This agreement shall be reviewed by representatives of the DOD and the Secret Service annually, or at such more frequent occasions as either the DOD or the Secret Service may request, to make certain that the agreement is both practicable and productive.

Revisions may be made on the authority of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and the Director of the United States Secret Service.



This agreement supersedes the prior agreement between the DOD and the Secret Service, dated June 12, 1972, with respect to exchanging information for protecting persons.

In emergency situations, priority attention shall be given to the preparation and delivery of pertinent information. Information transmitted pursuant to this agreement shall be treated in all respects as privileged, and will not be disseminated outside the receiving agency/department without the express consent of the originator (Department of Defense or Secret Service).

Information furnished pursuant to this agreement will be transmitted to the Secret Service, Intelligence Division, by a means appropriate to the apparent significance of the information and need for timely action. Information concerning an immediate threat or present danger against a protectee of the Secret Service will be transmitted by the fastest means available (message routing indicator "RUEADSS" or telephone number 202/634-5731) and be followed by appropriate written confirmation.

June 14, 1977  
Date

H. S. Knight  
Director  
United States Secret Service

July 8, 1977  
Date

Fred L. Wacker  
Assistant Secretary of Defense  
(Comptroller)

Attachments (2)

1. Appendix A
2. Appendix B

APPENDIX A

INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED  
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
TO THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

- A. Information reported to the Secret Service pursuant to this agreement will be that which becomes available in the regular course of authorized activities and within established DOD policies and will be for official use. Information provided will include the following:
1. Identification Data - To the extent available, the name or names of an individual or group, including former legal names, aliases, and pseudonyms, address, photograph, physical description, date and place of birth, employment, marital status, and identifying military service numbers, as applicable.
  2. Record Data - Files, summaries or excerpts from DOD files of information concerning an individual or group reportable under provisions of this agreement.
- B. Types of record data to be reported:
1. Information pertaining to a threat, plan, or attempt to physically harm or kidnap the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, or other persons being protected by the Secret Service, or high government officials such as Cabinet Members, Congressmen, Supreme Court Justices, foreign Heads of State, Ambassadors, Governors, Mayors, etc.
  2. Information pertaining to threats, incidents, or demonstrations against foreign diplomatic missions (embassies, chanceries, consulates) in the United States or its territories.

3. Information concerning instances of the use or attempted use of bodily harm, assassination, or kidnapping as a political weapon, both foreign and domestic (this should include coups or attempted coups).
4. Information concerning unreasonable or irreconcilable insistence upon personally contacting the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, other persons protected by the Secret Service, or high government officials such as Cabinet Members, Congressmen, Supreme Court Justices, foreign Heads of State, Ambassadors, Governors, Mayors, etc., for redress of grievances.
5. Information pertaining to terrorists and to their individual and group activities outside the United States, its territories and possessions, or on military bases in the United States, will be transmitted to the Secret Service by the DOD agency originating the information.
6. Information pertaining to the unauthorized ownership or concealment of caches of firearms, explosives or other paramilitary or military equipment outside the United States, its territories and possessions, or on military bases in the United States, when the circumstances of such ownership or concealment implies a potential threat to a protectee of the Secret Service identified in "II General Responsibilities" of this agreement.
7. Information pertaining to threatened civil disturbances in the United States or its territories which may require the use of Federalized National Guard or United States military personnel for maintenance or restoration of public order.
8. Information pertaining to the United States citizens or residents who have renounced or indicated a desire to renounce the United States government, who are characterized by:

- a. Violent, irrational, or suicidal behavior or other emotional instability;
  - b. Violent anti-United States sentiment;
  - c. A propensity toward violence.
9. Persons within DOD or those who are being separated, discharged, or retired from the Armed Forces or from civilian employment in the DOD and who are deemed by competent authority to constitute a threat to the safety of the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, other persons protected by the Secret Service, or high government officials such as Cabinet Members, Congressmen, Supreme Court Justices, foreign Heads of State, Ambassadors, Governors, Mayors, etc.
10. Information pertaining to any individual or group who, because of their activity or behavior, may pose a danger to the person of the President, the Vice President, or any other person protected by the Secret Service.

APPENDIX B

INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED BY  
THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE  
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

- A. Information reported to the Department of Defense pursuant to this agreement will include the following:
1. Identification Data - To the extent available, the name or names of an individual or group, including former legal names, aliases, and pseudonyms, address, photograph, physical description, date and place of birth, employment, marital status, and identifying military service numbers, as applicable.
  2. Record Data - Files, summaries or excerpts from Secret Service files of information concerning an individual or group reportable under provisions of this agreement.
- B. Types of record data to be reported:
1. Information pertaining to individuals or groups who plot, plan, or threaten to do physical harm to the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Army; Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of the Air Force, or other high official in the Department of Defense.
  2. Information pertaining to and results of any United States Secret Service investigation of military personnel and civilian employees of the DOD considered a threat or potential threat to any person whose protection is a responsibility of the Secret Service.